

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES and PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

U.S. Application No. 10/718,606

Docket No. Q78589

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicant submits herewith 2 sheets of replacement drawings and 2 sheets of annotated sheets of Figs. 3A-3B and 4A-4B, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The replacement drawing for Fig. 4A-4B replaces drawing sheet 4/18, Figs. 3A-3B.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to 9 distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species II, Figure(s) 5-6B for examination on which claims 1, 5, 6, and 11 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 2-4, 7-10, 12-34.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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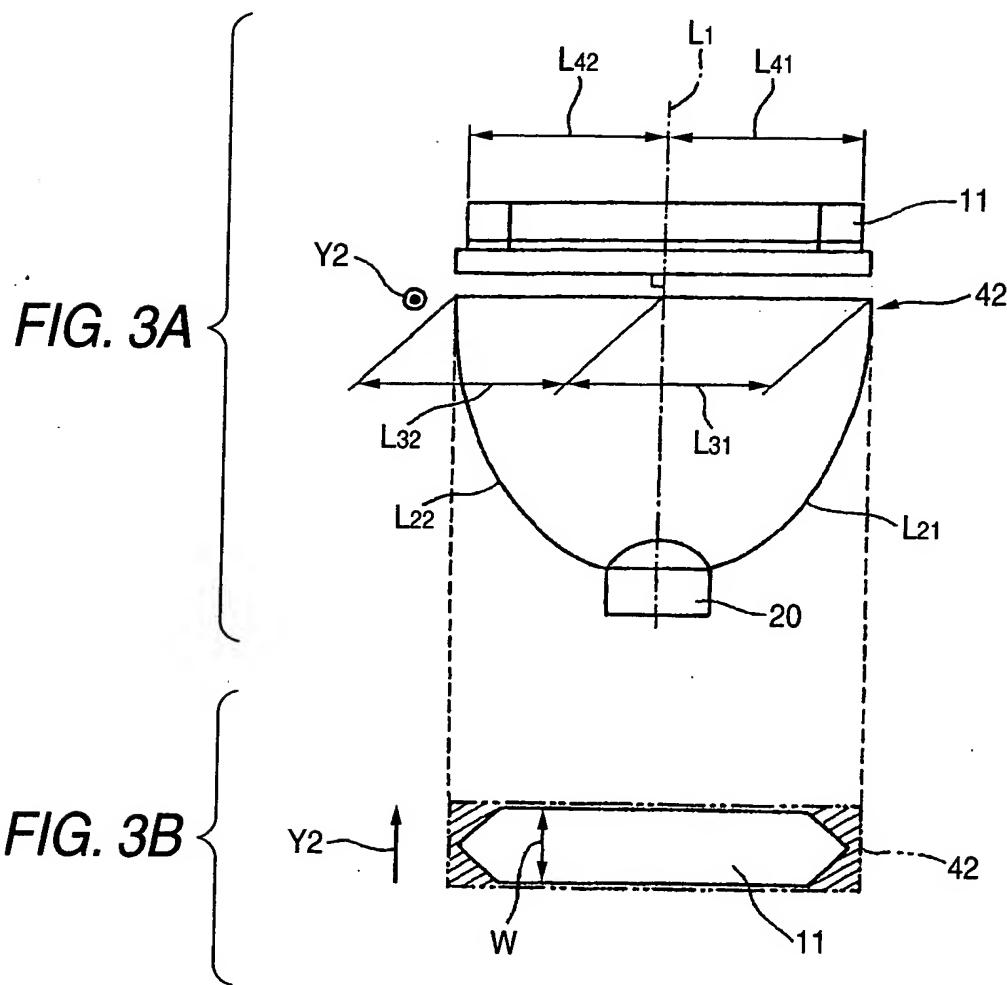
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FIG. 3A

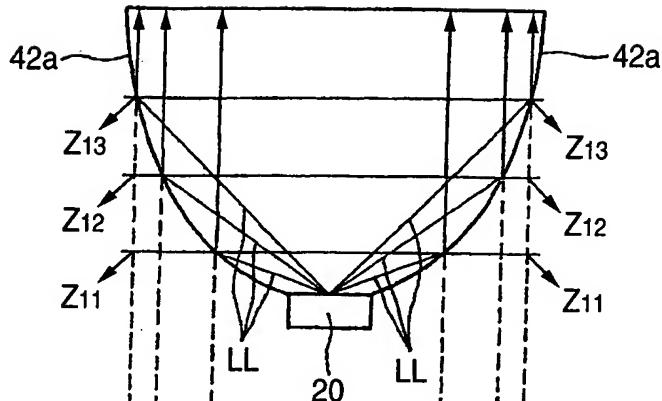


FIG. 3B

